

REMARKS

There are now pending in this application claims 1-6, of which claim 1 is independent.

Claims 7-15 have been canceled without prejudice or waiver of their subject matter.

In the outstanding Official Action, claims 1-6 were allowed. As none of these claims has been further amended, they remain in condition for allowance.

There is also accompanying this amendment a substitute specification making minor, formal changes to the specification to improve its form and readability. For the Examiner's convenience, also provided is a marked-up copy of the original specification showing the portions thereof which are being changed. The substitute specification includes the same changes as are indicated in the marked-up copy. Applicants' undersigned attorney has reviewed the substitute specification and submits that the substitute specification contains no new matter.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment After Final Rejection as it merely cancels claims, leaves pending only those claims which are allowed, and makes only minor changes to improve the form of the specification. Accordingly, entry of the above amendments and early passage to issue of the above application are respectfully sought.

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